(iii) Properties partly demolished — 2 Nos.

(b) and (d) During the period 1.1.1998 to 30.6.98, MCD received 88 complaints against unauthorised construction. Action for demolition of such construction has either been taken by MCD at the ongoing stage or they have been booked for action as per the policy. Delhi Police also received 12 complaints during the last six months. Besides, calls were also made to P.C.R. and L.G. House Control Room. 32 intimations regarding unauthorised' constructions from the area of Kashmere Gate were sent to MCD by the Delhi Police for taking necessary action.

(c) 11 notices were servedJ)y the MCD to the parties for demolition of the illegal construction. Besides, letters were also sent by the MCD to the Police authorities for stoppage of unauthorised construction.

देश में बड़े पैमाने पर अनुपयोगी पड़ी भूमि

3642. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालियाः**

श्री बरजिन्दर सिंहः

क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में काफी मात्रा में भूमि बिना उपयोग के पड़ी है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस भूमि के उचित उपयोग के लिए सही आकलन किया है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक राज्य में कितनी कितनी भूमि बिना उपयोग के पड़ी है, और

(घ) इस भूमि में से शहरी क्षेत्र में मानी जाने वाली भूमि का भाग कितना है?

शहरी कार्य औऱ रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बंडारु दत्तात्रेय): (क) से (घ) चूंकि भूमि राज्य का विषय है, अतः इससे संबंधित सूचना मंत्रालय के पास उपलब्ध नहीं है, क्योंकि यह मंत्रालय द्वारा संकलित नहीं की जाती है।

NRIs and MNCs to Invest in Low Cost Housing Schemes

3643. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleiised to state:

(a) whether GovernnMMt have invited several Non-Resident Indians and Multinational Companies to invest in low cost housing schemes;

(b) it so, the details of the NRIs and MNCs shown interest for investment; and

(c) to what extent the involvement of NRIs/MNCs is going to solve the housing problem in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The Government has not specifically invited NRIs/multinational companies to invest in low cost housing. However, there is a scheme to encourage non-residents of Indian nationality/origin and overseas corporate bodies owned to the extent of atleast 60% by Non Resident Indians/ Persons of Indian Origin to invest in housing and urban development sector. The scheme permits existing or new companies, both private and public limited, to issue equity shares/ convertible debentures to non-residents of Indian nationality/origin upto 100% with repatriation benefits after a lock-in period of 3 years, if the company is engaged in development of serviced plots *m* construction of built-up residential premises, real estate covering the conhruction of residential, commercial premises etc. There is no bar against participation of the Non-Resident Indians/Persons of Indian Origin in the projects relating to low cost housing. Foreign direct investment (FDl) is not as yet permissible in this sector at present. Although it is premature to make an exact estimate of the likely overseas investment during the coming years, some investment is expected to contribute